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SUBJECT: REPORTED GOB ANTITRUST CASE INVOLVING US FIRM

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE KURT RUDOLF MIROW, AUTHOR OF A GOB CENSORED BOOK ENTITLED "DICTATORSHIP OF CARTELS - ANATOMY OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT" AND PRESIDENT OF CODIMA, A BRAZILIAN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY COMPANY, HAS FILED WITH CADE A COMPLAINT AGAINST BRAZILIAN AFFILIATES OF MAJOR U.S., EUROPEAN, AND JAPANESE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS. FILED IN 1975 AND CHARGING THE COMPANIES WITH OPERATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CARTEL, THE COMPLAINT HAS RESULTED IN CADE HEARINGS.

2. AT CADE HEARINGS, MIROW REPORTEDLY SUBMITTED A TAPE OF CONVERSATIONS WITH ANTONIO CARLOS MORAL OF WESTINGHOUSE (BRAZIL), AND ALLEGED THAT THE TAPE HAD BEEN SUPPLIED BY A
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RICHARD NEWFARMER AND HAD BEEN USED BY THE BRAZILIAN SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE JORNAL DO BRASIL OF MARCH 2 CLAIMED THAT MIROW HAD BEEN THREATENED TWICE BY "THE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS", INCLUDING NESTLE, AND THAT THE FACTS WERE ON RECORD AT THE GERMAN AND U.S. EMBASSIES.

4. IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST OF AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON THE FOREGOING REPORT. IN ADDITION TO CONFIRMATION THAT THE CASE IS BEFORE CADE, WE WOULD FIND USEFUL INFORMATION ON MIROW AND CODIMA, WHETHER HIS BOOK HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED OR MAY BE PUBLISHED OUTSIDE BRAZIL, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE CASE HAS BEEN PUBLICIZED IN BRAZIL AND WHAT EFFECT ITS LIKELY OUTCOME MAY HAVE ON OPERATIONS OF MNC'S IN BRAZIL. HAS MIROW OR ANY CODIMA REPRESENTATIVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY OR OTHER POSTS?

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMBASSY (OR OTHER POSTS) MAY HAVE LOOKED INTO THIS QUESTION WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND MAY HAVE A FILE ON IT. VANCE

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